

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 13-18 have been rejected in the Office Action dated November 9, 2007. Claims 1-12 and 19-24 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 13-14 and added claims 25-26. Support for these amendments and new claims can be found at, e.g., pages 7-9, 13-15 and throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for referencing another source ("an ingredient selected from Table 1").

In response, Applicant has amended claim 14 to include ingredients listed in Table 1 of the present application. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 13, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), as being anticipated by Leung et al. (US 20010022964).

Applicant has amended claim 13 to read "placing an edible film comprising an active ingredient and a film former into an oral cavity wherein said edible film is coated with a powder matrix." Leung does not teach nor suggest the limitations of the claims as amended. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 13-18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Leung et al. (US 20010022964) in view of Ismail (EP0163924).

Applicant has amended claim 13 to read "placing an edible film comprising an active ingredient and a film former into an oral cavity wherein said edible film is coated with a powder matrix." Neither Leung nor Ismail teach or suggest the limitations of the claims as amended. Accordingly, not all limitations of the claims are taught or suggested by the cited art, and as such, the cited art does not render the claims obvious. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Additionally, neither cited reference teaches the elements of new claims 25 and 26. Specifically, the references don't teach a film coated with a powder matrix and don't teach treating a cough or pharyngitis by providing a numbing effect.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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